

Application No. 10/779,674
Reply to the Office Action dated October 22, 2008

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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6, 7 and 9-11 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is independent. By this Amendment, claims 12- 24 are canceled without prejudice.

Reconsideration of the Application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants thank the Examiner for providing Applicants with an initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on July 16, 2008.

Entry of Amendment

Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment is proper to enter because it cancels the only rejected claims, i.e., claims 12-24, thereby reducing and simplifying issues for consideration and for appeal, and leaving only allowed claims 1-3, 6, 7 and 9-11 as the pending claims.

Allowed Claims and Request to Withdraw Statement of Withdrawn Claims

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-3, 6, 7 and 9-11. Applicants respectfully submit that the Office Action Summary (Form PTO-326) incorrectly indicates that claims 1-3, 6, 7 and 9-11 have been withdrawn from consideration. This statement is completely at odds with the statement on page 6 of the body of the Office Action that claims 1-3, 6, 7 and 9-11 are allowed. Under the circumstances, Applicants request that this incorrect

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statement that the allowed claims have been withdrawn be indicated as being incorrect, and be withdrawn, in the next Office Action.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all rejections have been successfully traversed or rendered moot, and that the currently pending claims all have been allowed, thereby placing this application are in condition for allowance. Passage of this Application to issue is hereby courteously requested.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert J. Webster, Reg. No. 46,472 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

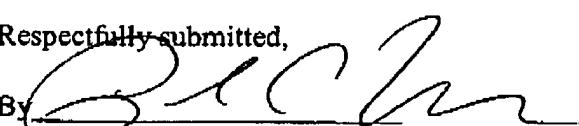
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.147; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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